

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:**

Entry of the above amendments, and reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19-21, 23, 25, 28, 32, 36, 39, and 40 remain in the application.

The amendments submitted above to certain claims have been done so in response to the Examiner's objections. No new matter has been introduced through any of these amendments.

### **A.     **Objections to the Specification** **Formal Matters****

The Examiner objected to the specification because a Background and a Summary of the Invention sections were missing.

Applicant has amended the specification to include a Background section and a Summary Of The Invention section on page 1. No new matter has been added through these amendments. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

### **B.     **Objection to Claims** **Formal Matters****

The Examiner objected to claims 19, 23, 28, 32, and 36 because previous claim amendments adversely affected the enumeration of steps in subsequent dependent claims, and because the word "method" was used when the word "apparatus" should have been used in several claims. In response to the objection, Applicant has amended claims 19, 23, 28, 32, and 36 to correct these matters, and Applicant now believes that amended claims 19, 23, 28, 32, and 36 are in acceptable form. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

### **C.     **Allowable Subject Matter****

The Examiner has indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the above mentioned formal matters, which Applicant has addressed. Applicant submits that all claims remaining in the application, claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19 - 21, 23, 25, 28, 32, 36, 39, and 40 are now in allowable form, and the Examiner's early indication to this effect is, therefore, courteously solicited.

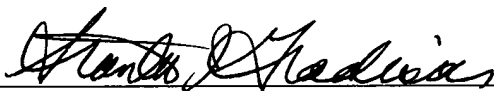
**CONCLUSION:**

A bona-fide attempt has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. Each of the Examiner's bases for objection have been addressed and the claims have been amended to overcome such objections. The application is now believed to meet all statutory requirements and is thus believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early indication to that effect is, therefore, courteously solicited.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due with this response. If this is not the case, please charge any required fees due, or credit any overpayment to, deposit account 50-0792.

Respectfully submitted,

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